GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BANGLADESHIS IN VOTER LIST OF DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has directed the Union Government to identify the Bangladeshi Nationals living illegally in the National Capital and bar them from voting in any election;

(b) if so, the number of Bangladeshi Nationals identified and their names deleted from the electoral rolls so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bar the Bangladeshi Nationals from voting?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): According to the Election Commission of India, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide its order dated 28.09.2005 passed in W.P. (C) No. 3170 of 2001 Chetan Dutt Vs. Union of India & others and C.W.P. NO. 2925 of 99 Rambilas & another Vs. Union of India & others directed the Election Commission of India to submit as to what methodology the Commission will evolve so that in the electoral rolls the names of only the Indian Citizens appear. Identification and deportation of Bangladeshi national living illegally in Delhi is a continuous process.The office of Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi receives from Office of Foreigners' Regional Registration Office (FRRO), Delhi the lists of foreign nationals identified and deported from NCT of Delhi from time to time.The Chief Election Officer then initiates action to delete the names of foreign national so received from the FRRO from the electoral rolls if they appear in the rolls.So far, the names of 226 Bangladeshi national identified by the FRRO, Delhi have been deleted from the electoral rolls in Delhi by different Electoral Registration Officers after following the due procedure.